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Applicant: YASUHIRO KAMIMURA ET AL.

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Title: AIR FLOW RATE CONTROL APPARATUS



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 8, 2001

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 23-25 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claims 23-25 are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

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23. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the preceding] claim[s] 21, wherein said connector is provided on said cover means.

24. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the preceding] claim[s] 21, wherein said control circuit is adapted